

Havana Home Wins Best of Show

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2010 Parade of Homes Award Winners Best of Show Platinum Award Gold Award for Homes \$385,000 and above for Entry 31 Kenley Design and Construction LLC



866 Frances Drive, Havana

A four-bedroom, three-bath home in Havana at 866 Frances Drive is the entry named Best of Show in the 2010 Parade of Homes sponsored by the Tallahassee Builders Association.

Builder Anthony Swinson of Kenley Design & Construction LLC accepted the honor at the TBA's awards dinner Thursday night at the Capital City Country Club. The home, which has been sold, totals 3,221 square feet and is a showcase of custom features ranging from a gourmet kitchen and red oak hardwood floors to central vacuum and security systems.

Other winners included builders receiving gold and silver awards in categories based on prices ranges of the homes. In the category for homes priced from \$114,000 to \$155,000, the gold award winner was Pafford Properties & Construction's house in Crawfordville at 46 Ruby Lane.

H. Schroeder Construction Co. received a gold award in the category for homes prices \$158,000 to \$170,000. Its entry is a three-bedroom home in Havana at 605 2nd Street NE.

Premier Construction & Development Inc.'s entry at 1401 Sagebrook Drive won the gold award for homes priced from \$175,000 to \$200,000. Premier's home at 2611 Ulysses Road in Bull Run received a gold award in the category for homes priced \$260,000 to \$290,000.

"I feel that things are doing better," said Parade of Homes chairman Tom Asbury, based on his assessment of attendance during the first weekend. Some homes had 500 or more people tour them each day, and consumers had a different mood this year.

"They were all positive," said Asbury, president of Premier. "I remember two years ago when people were coming through the houses all they could say was the sky is falling. The world's coming to an end. This year, everybody has been very positive."

Another difference is reflected in Parade homes having buyers. "I think almost every home is sold in the Parade, and if not sold, they are negotiating contracts," Asbury said. "This has been a good thing and I think it says that we as builders are putting people to work."

Jim Bennett, president of the TBA, said he was encouraged by the builders' participation and the public's response.

"This is our 56th Parade of Homes in Tallahassee. I was thinking about that. I was 10 years old when they started," said Bennett, owner of Jim Bennett's Plumbing Inc. This year there are 13 green-certified homes, up from five a year ago, he noted. One of the most popular stops are the homes at 5623 Jacksons Gap Road that display green construction methods and materials.

The free exhibit by the Capitol Green Building Group shows one home partially finished so visitors can see what's behind the drywall and in the attic that insulates the structure and lowers energy costs.

The second home has testing equipment in it to show what measurements are taken to verify a home's energy performance.